

HOUSE BILL 277

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 51, Part 2; Title 8, Chapter 6; Title 8, Chapter 7 and Title 38, relative to deaths and injuries involving law enforcement officers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-208(b), is amended by deleting the language "twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)" and substituting instead the language "one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8, Part 3, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) After completion of an investigation by the Tennessee bureau of investigation into an officer-involved shooting death and after the completion of the prosecutorial function by the district attorney general, notwithstanding § 10-7-504 to the contrary, the investigative record shall become a public record pursuant to title 10, chapter 7.

(b) For purposes of this section, "officer-involved shooting death" means a death that results from an officer-involved shooting when the shooting occurs while the law enforcement officer is on-duty or is off-duty while performing activities that are within the scope of the law enforcement officer's duties.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to officer-involved shooting deaths occurring on or after that date.